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RE: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65)

Dear Commissioners:

I'm pleased to have this chance to comment on what could be a game-changing merger for many people, businesses, and communities in North Carolina. The outcome of the merger between T-Mobile and AT&T is predicted to be tremendously positive for most of the U.S. population.

Rural residents typically struggle to gain access to the latest technologies and advancements. Right now, one of the most pressing issues for rural Americans is the lack of access to high-speed wireless broadband. Without broadband, it is more difficult for rural residents to compete and succeed in this digital age. This lack of access limits innovation, business, education, and quality of life in rural America.

My company manufactures and distributes the most complete and versatile group of tobacco crop products available to growers. In that capacity, I work closely with farmers and growers, and I am familiar with many of the challenges facing our customers. Lack of access to reliable, consistent high-speed broadband also limits farmers and rural economies because it keeps them from reaching their full potential. Increasingly, farmers of all types are finding that broadband is an important business tool that allows them to connect directly with worldwide markets, customers, suppliers, support organizations, and other farmers. Also, suppliers like my company can benefit from expanded access because it will help us to better support farmers and to market the latest in environmentally-responsible crop care products more effectively.

Industry experts have hailed the AT&T/T-Mobile merger as an opportunity for rural America because it will result in expanded access for most of the country, especially in rural regions and small communities. I think that the possibilities of this merger and the resulting increased access would be unlimited and could create much-needed economic growth throughout North Carolina. I hope you will support this merger, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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